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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/269,897

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EXAMINER: ZEMAN, R.

FOR: METHODS FOR DETECTION OR MEASUREMENT OF VIRUSES

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

It is requested that the term for response be extended for one month to May 20, 2000. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2000 and while applicant disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of restriction practice under PCT, nonetheless elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a methods of treating virus containing samples.

Further it is believed that since the subject matter of Group II and Group III claims would have to be searched in order to properly cover the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-11, this Restriction Requirement is unfounded.

Applicant cannot agree with the Examiner's interpretation of PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2 and reserves the right to have further consideration of this issue by the USPTO at a later time.




Accordingly, applicant at this time will not cancel any of the remaining claims at least until this requirement is made final.

In any event, Group I, claims 1-11, are now ready to be examined further by the Examiner.

Favorable action on these claims 1-11 is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

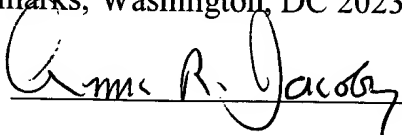

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